

## 2010 CLUB FIELD TRIP POSSIBILITIES, INCLUDING TWO ALREADY \*ARRANGED

by Field Trip Chair, Bob Sherwood



For those wishing to participate in club field trips, here are a number of options for you to consider. You may wish to suggest additional locations. These trips will be in personal vehicles with ride sharing a possibility. Please review, then list in order your first 2 choices for short overnight trips; also your choices for the vacation periods, spring & summer. Please send your preferences by e-mail: [bobandjulia@accn.org](mailto:bobandjulia@accn.org), or hand me a written note. I need your input. Thanks!

**\* "Basement" Field Trips: Saturday, February 27.** Visit club members' homes to see collections. Chet & Bette Smith have volunteered as have Roger & Arlene King, long time collectors and members of the G.R. Indian Mounds club. Arrive @ King's 10 am in GR.; drive to Smith's in Holland arriving @ 2 pm. Time for lunch between.

— **Alpena, MI, Lafarge Quarry.** FOSSILS: PETOSKEY, HORN CORAL, FAVOSITE, BRACHIOPODS, CRINOIDS. Organized groups. 5 hr. drive, 300+ miles, Ages 7 and older. Full safety equipment required. 6/09

— **Berea, Kentucky. (Berea area) AGATE SHOW & HUNT, April 21 - 26, 2010;** Arts & Crafts booths, Mushroom Festival. Activities include: 21-23 Agate Hunt in creek beds (\$10 per day); 25 & 26 Bluegrass Gem & Mineral Show; 26 Morel Mushroom Market; Pancake Breakfast; 27 Entertainment. Approx. 480 miles. Does not coincide with most Spring Breaks unfortunately. [mountainmushroomfestival.org](http://mountainmushroomfestival.org)

— **N. Lake Michigan shore & road cuts:** Explore for PETOSKEY & other fossils possibly during Spring Break, April 2-11

— **Grand Rapids, MI.** Michigan Natural Storage Co. (formerly G.R. Gypsum mine), 1200 Judd, S.W. PINK & WHITE ALABASTER, GYPSUM and SELENITE crystals in underground tunnel ceilings and cavities. 55-degree temperature. Saturday field trip. Maximum of 15 in group. End of winter, early spring. Full safety equipment. *Currently arranged through GVSU Geology Dept.* 3 or 4 in '09

— **North Carolina.** Screen for rough GEMSTONES, including RUBIES, EMERALDS, SAPPHIRES, at commercial mines in Franklin area. (fees) 1 week, Spring Vacation. Some fee collecting areas.

**\* Utah!** PETR. WOOD, AGATE, JASPER, SEPTARIAN NODULES, BARITE, OBSIDIAN, DUGWAY GEODES, TRILOBITES. Arrive Moab May 9, approx. 1550 miles. Collect up to 3+ weeks, depending on your available time. Enjoy southern Utah's scenic and geologically diverse places with 5 National Parks and several national monuments in red rock country. Moab sw. to Cedar City, n. to Delta, e. to Kemmerer, WY. See "Gem Trails of Utah" by James Mitchell; [www.utahoutdooractivities.com/rock.html](http://www.utahoutdooractivities.com/rock.html) **Planned so that you may do all or part!** Detailed itinerary available on request for the "long" trip of the year.

— **Montana.** Collect AGATE, JASPER, PETRIFIED WOOD, SAPPHIRES, AMMONITES, BACULITES and other FOSSILS. Approx. 1600 miles to Billings: 14 - 17 days. Driving distances to sites varies up to 150 miles. Cheyenne River, S. Dakota on the way for FOSSILS and CHALCEDONY. All ages. (4-day drive out with a Cheyenne River stop.) 7/09 (Not feasible again in 2010)

— **Wyoming, Nebraska & South Dakota in 17 Days.** Collect FOSSIL FISH, PETRIFIED WOOD, VERTEBRATE FOSSILS, CHALCEDONY, and MINERALS. Approx. 1500 miles to begin at Kemmerer, Wyoming. All ages.

— **Northwest states.** June into July. Drive to Oregon spend 2 to 3 weeks+ in the Prineville-Madras area with day trip collecting prior to consecutive rock shows. Field trips are also hosted by each. Collect on return East in Idaho, Wyoming, Nebraska and South Dakota for WOOD, THUNDEREGGS, JASPER, AGATE, FOSSILS, ROSE QUARTZ, TOURMALINE, etc. You may do the entire trip or partial. Ride sharing possible. All ages. 6 & 7/06

— **Thunder Bay, Ontario.** AMETHYST (fee) Collect with a local miner on his claims. Approx. 980 miles. 1 week + Returning through Minnesota & Wisconsin around Lake Superior; Collecting several more days around Ishpeming and possibly the Keweenaw Peninsula, including one or both shows (see details in next two entries). All ages. 6/05 This received a lot of interest last year, so will try to arrange for 2010, probably the first week of August.

- **Upper Peninsula, MI.** Ishpeming Rock & Mineral Club Show, August 7, Ishpeming Elks Club. Their Friday field trip will be to Lindberg Quarry. Locations in area we might visit: old Cleveland Cliffs plant: TACONITE (processed iron pellets); Champion: SPECULAR HEMATITE in tailings; Lindberg Quarry for KONA DOLOMITE (small fee); JASPILITE in Incline Mine tailings; VERDE ANTIQUE MARBLE near Ropes Gold Mine; Cliffs Shaft Mine Museum. 475 miles to Ishpeming (from Holland). All ages. 7/08
- **Keweenaw Peninsula:** “Copper Country Mineral Retreat,” early August, but exact dates not yet established by Mich. Tech Univ.; Copper Country Rock & Mineral Club Show; COPPER, DATOLITE, related minerals, chisel chips, Native American hammer stones in some mine tailings. Daily field trips, sign up & pay fee well in advance. Mine tailings are bulldozed & accessible during CCMR. Seaman Museum collection at Michigan Tech in Houghton is outstanding. [www.museum.mtu.edu](http://www.museum.mtu.edu). All ages. 8/07
- **Hamilton, Ontario.** Dundas Quarry (Lafarge Corp.) CALCITE, SPHALERITE, CELESTITE, MARCASITE, PY-RITE, GALENA, ANHYDRITE. Also Lincoln Quarry, Beamsville, (Nelson Aggregates) Ontario. Field trips over Mother's Day weekend (2 quarries); July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend; Sept.? Full safety equipment required. Tim Elliott and John Elliott 385 miles. 4 days 5/03
- **Upper New York State, St. Lawrence Co.,** with Steve Chamberlain, Center for Mineralogy, NY St. Museum. Out-standing opportunity to collect MINERALS with the expert. Available late April or after. Considerable driving required between sites. Approx. 650 miles to Gouverneur, NY; min. 5 days necessary. All ages. 6/08
- **Herkimer, NY.** HERKIMER (QUARTZ) 'DIAMONDS'. Hard limestone strip mines. Daily fee. approx. 780 miles. Niagara Falls, Finger Lakes, wine tasting in the many vineyards, Corning Glass Factory & Museum, Watkins Glen & Falls. Combine NY's wonderful autumn color with scenic and other attractions. 6/08
- **Keokuk, Iowa area.** Keokuk GEODES. Gary Jacob, Dennis Stevenson, Sheffler's, & other locations. Hamilton, IL, Keokuk, IA. (fee) Approx. 420 miles. 4 days +. Club trip spring/summer, or late September. October “Geode Fest” another possibility. All ages. 4/09
- **North/Central Iowa.** Possibly coordinate with Cedar Rapids club on a Saturday quarry field trip. Approx. 550 miles. 3 days Full safety equipment required.
- **Mt. Ida, Arkansas.** QUARTZ crystals. Prearrange digging at several open pit mines. Approx. 900 miles. 1 week (Spring vacation time) (fees) Full safety equipment; all ages at most sites. For background: [www.rockhoundingar.com](http://www.rockhoundingar.com) Dig geodes in Keokuk, IA / Hamilton, IL on return. 4/09
- **Paulding, OH.** Lafarge Quarry. FOSSILS: TRILOBITES, HORN CORAL, BRACHIOPODS, CRINOIDS. Approx. 3 hour drive. Saturday only. Overnight Friday in Bryan at Plaza Motel. Full safety equipment required. Ages 10 and older. 5/08
- **Pendleton, IN** Pendleton Quarry (Irving Materials, Inc.). HONEY CALCITE and IRIDESCENT CALCITE in vugs in limestone. No fee; organized groups. Approx. 250 miles. 3 days. Full safety equipment required. Collect Saturday a.m. Visit Terry & Sue Boswell's Joshua Tree Imports, in Lakeville, (s. of South Bend) Shop and museum, features fossils & minerals from Morocco, fluorescent minerals, meteorites. 5/09
- **Corydon, Indiana.** Corydon Stone Quarry. Pink DOLOMITE, CALCITE, occasionally FLUORITE. Approx. 375 miles, Ages 13 and older. Full safety equipment required. Collect Saturday a.m. 10/09
- \* **Elmhurst, IL / Chicago.** Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Arts; Special exhibition at Field Museum (fee), “The Nature of Diamonds.” **1 day bus trip, Saturday, March 6.** Special assessment to participants in advance. Club board has partially subsidized charter bus. Would need minimum of 23 participants. Details on pg 9. 12/05
- **Bloomfield Hills, MI.** Cranbrook Institute of Science. Fine mineral collection, exhibits on geology, fossils and natural history museum. (fee) 1 day bus trip (winter). 1/09
- **Flint Ridge, OH.** 40 miles e. of Columbus. Colorfully patterned Ohio FLINT. Fee-based collecting at John Nethers' farm. Approx. 370 miles. (lapidary use) Current access status unknown.
- **Arkona, Ontario.** Fossil HORN CORAL at Hungry Hollow pit. Tie to another trip into Ontario. 6/08

Note: Date at end of entry represents last club field trip; \* Trip has been arranged.

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